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Women's Center
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Women & Families Center
(Meriden)
203-235-9297 office
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203-344-1474 office
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203-235-444 hotline
203-389-5010 office

Rape Crisis Center
of Milford
203-878-1212 hotline
203-874-8712 office

YWCA New Britain
Sexual Assault Crisis Service
(New Britain)
860-223-1787 hotline
860-225-4681 office
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The Center for Sexual Assault
Crisis Counseling and Education
(Stamford)
203-329-2929 hotline
203-348-9346 office

Susan B. Anthony Project
(Torrington)
860-482-7133 hotline
860-489-3798 office

Safe Haven of
Greater Waterbury
203-753-3613 hotline
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Sexual Assault Crisis Center
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Judiciary Committee

In Support of HB5400 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EDUCATION PERSONNEL RECORDS

March 11, 2016

Good Afternoon Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, Senator Kissel, Representative Rehimbas and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Deb Heinrich and I am Director of Policy and Public Relations for Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence (formerly CONNSACS). The Alliance is the state's leading voice to end sexual violence. We are a coalition of nine community-based sexual assault crisis services programs, which provide free and confidential sexual assault crisis counseling and victim advocacy to thousands of women, men and children across Connecticut each year.

We are testifying in support of HB5400 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EDUCATION PERSONNEL RECORDS

Sexual abuse thrives in secrecy. Protecting children from sexual abuse requires transparency. When we send our children to school, we rely on the school to keep them safe while they are there. School boards need the tools to ensure that the people in their employ can be trusted with the safety of the children in the school. This bill will provide one of the most important tools, transparency. Requiring the local and regional boards of education to report to the state board of education when there is a substantiated finding of sexual misconduct or a pending case and further requiring the state board of education to provide that information upon request are sensible steps in breaking the cycle of abuse that flourishes in silence.

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